



# FIELD CROPS

## Potato Acreage, Production, and Stocks

Cooperating with the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services  
2290 Lucien Way, Suite 300, Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 648-6013 · (407) 648-6029 FAX · [www.nass.usda.gov/fl](http://www.nass.usda.gov/fl)

May 17, 2010

### 2010 Spring Production

#### Florida

**Spring:** Florida’s 2010 potato production is forecast at 7.55 million cwt, down 2 percent from a year ago but unchanged from the April forecast. Acreage to be harvested is set at 31,000 acres, unchanged from April but 2,100 acres less than last season. Yield is expected to average 244 cwt per acre compared with 266 cwt per acre averaged in the spring of 2009. Yield remains unchanged from the April forecast. Freezing temperatures coupled with excessive precipitation in the Hastings area at the beginning of the year caused several growers to have to re-plant due to seed rotting. Most growers recovered and were able to replant and digging is underway. Hastings growers harvesting is considerably behind schedule and expected to conclude in late June. Growing conditions in the other areas were mostly favorable, and harvesting is anticipated to end mid-June.

#### United States

**Spring Potatoes:** Production for 2010 is forecast at 26.1 million cwt, up 2 percent from the April forecast and 22 percent from 2009, however beginning in 2010 California winter and summer season potatoes are included in the spring season total. Area for harvest is forecast at 89,600 acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but 22 percent above 2009. The average yield of 291 cwt per acre is up 5 cwt from the April forecast and 2 cwt more than 2009.

California spring potato production is forecast at 12.25 million cwt, up 4 percent from the previous forecast. Growers reported good conditions and a normal crop year. North Carolina growers are expected to produce 3.26 million cwt of spring potatoes, unchanged from the April forecast. As of May 2, 2010, crop condition was rated mostly good with topsoil moisture as mostly adequate. Production in Texas is forecast at 1.97 million cwt and Arizona at 1.04 million cwt, both remain unchanged from the April forecast.

### Spring Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production

State	Area				Yield per acre		Production		
	Planted		Harvested						
	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	2008	2009	Indicated 2010
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Arizona.....	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.7	280	280	1,050	1,120	1,036
California <sup>1</sup> .....	17.8	31.0	17.5	31.0	410	395	6,930	7,175	12,245
Florida.....	32.6	32.4	28.9	31.0	266	244	7,952	7,700	7,550
Hastings.....	20.0	20.2	16.5	19.0	260	230	4,845	4,290	4,370
Other Florida.....	12.6	12.2	12.4	12.0	275	265	3,107	3,410	3,180
North Carolina.....	16.0	16.0	15.0	15.5	225	210	2,520	3,375	3,255
Texas.....	8.8	8.8	8.3	8.4	235	235	1,680	1,951	1,974
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	79.2	91.9	73.7	89.6	289	291	20,132	21,321	26,060

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2010, winter and summer estimates included in spring total for California.

Potatoes: Quantity used for Processing, Nine States: 2007-2009

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced.]

State & Crop Year	To December 1	To January 1	To February 1	To March 1	To April 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho and Oregon, Malheur								
2007 .....	26,230	33,250	40,310	48,660	55,460	63,000	70,700	88,030
2008 .....	22,380	28,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570	62,940	77,340
2009 .....	23,110	29,180	35,170	42,050	*49,200	56,100		
Maine <sup>1</sup>								
2007 .....	1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,550
2008 .....	1,635	2,240	2,895	3,515	4,005	4,795	5,540	7,545
2009 .....	1,575	2,060	2,680	3,265	3,915	4,575		
Washington and Oregon, Other								
2007 .....	30,595	36,940	42,350	50,165	57,160	67,690	72,380	82,770
2008 .....	32,560	38,050	42,795	49,865	56,350	62,635	70,625	81,260
2009 .....	25,350	31,200	36,490	43,750	50,170	56,700		
Other States <sup>2</sup>								
2007 .....	15,040	17,535	20,755	23,900	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,430
2008 .....	12,480	15,120	18,165	21,030	24,025	26,515	29,590	37,285
2009 .....	10,605	13,260	16,225	18,920	*21,555	24,155		
Total								
2007 .....	73,565	89,895	106,230	126,165	143,260	165,070	180,920	217,780
2008 .....	69,055	84,390	99,285	116,560	133,410	149,515	168,695	203,430
2009 .....	60,640	75,700	90,565	107,985	*124,840	141,530		
Dehydrated <sup>3</sup>								
2007 .....	12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,975	46,660
2008 .....	10,675	14,490	18,335	21,465	24,875	28,195	31,870	39,345
2009 .....	10,945	13,950	17,065	19,800	*23,075	26,550		

\* Revised.  
<sup>1</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.  
<sup>2</sup> Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in Wisconsin.  
<sup>3</sup> Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Potato Stocks Up 11 Percent from May 2009

The 13 major potato States held 87.0 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 23 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 2 percentage points above May 1, 2009. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 770 thousand cwt on May 1, 2010, up 3 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 297 million cwt, was 2 percent above May 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 26.6 million cwt, was up 19 percent from the same date in 2009. Processors in the 9 major States have used 142 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 5 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 26.6 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, 2000 through 2009

[For 2000-2004, data accounts for 15 major producing States. Beginning in 2005 data accounts for 13 major producing States.]

Crop Year	Production	December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1	May 1	June 1
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
2000 .....	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001 .....	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002 .....	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 .....	403,566	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 .....	404,017	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 .....	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006 .....	389,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007 .....	397,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008 .....	369,866	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,100	45,300
2009 .....	383,929	265,800	235,300	203,400	169,800	*129,100	87,030	

\* Revised.